

SENATE BILL 1571

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,
Chapter 13, relative to forensic sexual assault
examinations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-105, is amended by deleting the language “or” at the end of subdivision (a)(6); by adding the following new subdivision (a)(7) and by renumbering existing subdivision (a)(7) accordingly:

(6) In the case of a sexually-oriented crime against a victim, where the compensation is for the full-out-of-pocket expenses of forensic sexual assault examinations. If the victim is covered by insurance, “full out-of-pocket costs” means any costs that the insurer does not pay for the examination. Reimbursement under this subdivision (a)(7) shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) and no hospital or health care professional performing a sexual assault examination may charge the victim any amount in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500); or

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.